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COCONUT RESEARCH CENTRE KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has taken any decision to shift the Coconut Research Centre from Kasargod in Kerala to the main institution;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the ICAR has also directed to transfer the movable properties of the center to the Department of Agriculture in Kerala;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Union Government has received any suggestion from the Government of Kerala in this regard; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) There is no proposal to change the Coconut Research Centre from Kasaragod in Kerala to the main Institution. However, a decision was taken by the ICAR to phase out the Research Centre at Kannara of Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) Kasaragod, Kerala.

(b) The Committee on Review of Regional Research Centres of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutions recommended for phasing out the centre considering its relevance, since similar research work is being carried out at CPCRI Regional Stations located at Kayamgulam (Kerala) and Vittal (Karnataka).

(c) & (d): As it was decided to phase out the Research Centre, Kannara, Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala was requested to take it over along with immovable properties, which was agreed in principle, in the meeting held on 19-08-2004 with the Director of Agriculture, Government of Kerala and Director, CPCRI, Kasaragod.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala requested for review of the decision to phase out CPCRI Research Centre at Kannara.

(f) The matter was re-examined by the competent authority and it was decided to phase out the Research Centre, considering the relevance.